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Mr. C. L. Edwards, Executive Director
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I understand you wish to be informed on our position in regard to Senate Resolution 19, introduced by Senator Carlson, and which would direct the Civil Service Commission to furnish the Senate with full information on all Federal Government employees.

As you are aware, Congress specifically made the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure (paragraph 102(d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947), and pursuant to this responsibility and in order further to implement it, provided in Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Act of 1949 that the Agency shall be exempted from the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 65 and the provisions of any other laws which require the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or number of personnel employed by the Agency. This section further provided that in furtherance of its provision, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall make no reports to the Congress in connection with the Agency under 5 U.S.C. 947(b). This provision of law was enacted on the grounds that the personnel figures and facts of this Agency are of most secret nature and their revelation would be of great assistance to enemy or inimical foreign powers.

We believe, therefore, that the Congress will want to continue the protection of this information and that this Agency should be specifically exempted from any such requirement as that set forth in proposed Senate Resolution 19.

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Sincerely,

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